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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

Banks.
THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £1,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP £1,251,093.15.00

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RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
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CHANTREY INCHBALD,
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Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [1887]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
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AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
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BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of a per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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D. Gillies, Esq. | Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
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Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Farrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.).

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.

" 6 " 4 "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 "

Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [18]

INSURANCES.

THE
STANDARD.
ENDOWMENT
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.
(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
(d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

Full particulars on application,

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } £833,333.33

EQUAL TO 100,000 TAELS }

RESERVE FUND £318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

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MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [60]

J. W. KEW & CO'S
STEAM WATER BOATS.

PURE FRESH WATER.

THE attention of SHIPPERS, AGENTS and
CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality of
J. W. KEW & CO's, also to the advantages
derived from their being able to Supply their
Water in one-fourth the time occupied by the
old fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.

No impeding the loading or discharging of
Cargo.

Quickest despatch with lowest possible rates.

J. W. KEW & CO, &
c/o Carmichael & Co, Ltd.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1893. [584]

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

Intimations.

SHOOTING SEASON 1893!

FOWLING PIECES IN CASES WITH IMPLEMENTS.

MARTINI-HENRI MATCH RIFLES, WINCHESTER CARBINES, COLTS

"LIGHTNING" CARBINES, REVOLVERS.

ELEV'S CARTRIDGE CASES.

METAL COVERED, GREEN, BLUE AND BROWN.

CARTRIDGES LOADED WITH (E.C.) or "ALLIANCE" GUNPOWDER.

PIGON, WILKS and LAWRENCE "ALLIANCE" SPORTING POWDER.

NEWCASTLE CHILLED SHOT.

WADS, CAPS, LOADING MACHINES, RE-CAPPERS, CARTRIDGE BELTS AND BAGS.

GUN CLEANERS, &c. &c.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [1847]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th day of August next, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1893.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [1847]

LANE-CRAWFORD & CO

Hongkong, 9th August, 1893. [1851]

THE STEAMSHIP "OORYIA."

TAKE notice that I have received an autho-

rity, dated the 20th June, 1893, from the Board of Trade, London, authorising me to

change the name of the Steamship "OORYIA,"

and that from this date the said Steamship will be called and known by the name of "KWONG

HOL."

The Steamer leaves HONGKONG (Jardine's

Wharf, West Point) to CANTON on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, at 6 to 10 P.M.; and

leaves CANTON for HONGKONG on MON-

DAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 5 P.M.

The steamer has always Superior Accommo-

dation for Passengers.

TSEUNG SZ KAI.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1893. [1852]

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PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

SOLE AGENTS FOR

HARTMANN'S RAHTJENS GENUINE

COMPOSITION.

HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT.

DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES,

&c. &c. &c.

EVERY KIND OF

SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES

ALWAYS IN STOCK

AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1893. [1853]

D. R. KNORR'S

LION BRAND

ANTIPYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROY.)

H. R. KNORR'S

LION BRAND

ANTIPYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROY.)

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 100 A. I. Hawaiian Bark

"FOOHNG SUEY."

Mahony, Master, will load here for the above

Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1893. [1854]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Bark

"FREEMAN."

Gerrish, Master, will load here for the above

Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1893. [1855]

CONSIGNEES.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

N O T I C E.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship

"PURER."

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees

are hereby requested to send in their

Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and to take

immediate delivery of their Goods from along

side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel

will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and

expense.

J. S. VAN BUREN,

Agent.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1893. [1856]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

S. S. "TARTAR,"

FROM MIDDLEBRO, HAMBURG AND

STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO are hereby informed

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.

STEAM PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

THE PRODUCT.—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO., LTD.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. [38]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers:

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

"BOMBAY SODAS."

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS, whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good condition.

Counters Order Books supplied free on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is
"DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER

SODA WATER

LEMONADE

POTASH WATER

SELTZER WATER

LITHIA WATER

SARSAPARILLA WATER

TONIC WATER

LEMON SQUASH

GINGER ALE

RASPBERRYADE

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
51 The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1893.

A NEW BANK FOR HONGKONG.

For some time past we have been aware that the Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited, had under consideration the advisability of opening branches at Hongkong and other Far Eastern ports outside Japan, and we now learn that this project, which has received the warm approval and cordial support of the Japanese Minister of Finance, will, unless something at present unforeseen intervenes, be carried into effect at no far distant date. The Yokohama Specie Bank opened a branch-branch at Shanghai some months ago and through that medium has acquired a very large commercial connection in North China, and it is doubtless on the strength of the success obtained there that an extension of the Bank's operations to Hongkong, South China, and possibly the Straits Settlements, has been practically decided on. It is, of course, expected that a dearth of money is bound to ensue owing to home investors in the Far East and depositors in the China banks withdrawing their deposits in consequence of the depreciation and uncertain future of silver, which it is contended will naturally make a wide and profitable field for the manipulation of Japanese capital. Whether or not these hopes will be realized remains to be seen; but at all events, it can only be regarded as a satisfactory sign of the times that the progressive merchants and traders of Japan, in addition to successfully competing with us in the shipping trade of this part of the world, have decided to meet us on our own ground as public thought among the masses.

bankers. The Yokohama Specie Bank, it may be mentioned, was established in 1880; its subscribed capital is \$6,000,000, of which \$4,500,000 have been paid up, and it has a Reserve Fund of \$2,464,000. The headquarters are at Yokohama, and it has branches at Kobe, Shanghai, London, Lyons, New York, San Francisco and Honolulu. Its working so far in all these places is stated to have been most successful, and those who ought to know something about the opportunities in Hongkong are sanguine of obtaining a fair share of local banking business.

TELEGRAMS.

THE BOMBAY RIOTS.

LONDON, August 15th.

The position in Bombay is improving, and things generally have assumed a quieter aspect.

THE SHERMAN ACT.

The opinion is galing ground in Washington that an unconditional repeal of the Sherman Act is impossible, and that a compromise is necessary, providing for free coinage at a ratio somewhere about twenty to one.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* * * A GREAT deal of local matter, of more or less importance, is unavoidably held over, including our review of the Hongkong Hotel Commission.

THE repairs to H.M.S. *Leander* were completed in the dock at Nagasaki on the 9th inst.

Mr. J. Courtney Hissom, of Alabama, has been appointed Consul for the United States at Ningpo.

THE American ship *Luson*, bound from New York to Shanghai, was sighted off Namki on the morning of the 8th inst.

The Mitsui Bishi Co.'s steamer *Asagao*, according to report in Japan, will shortly be added to the fleet of the Nippon Yulen Kaisha.

Mr. Octavius Johnson arrived at Pagoda Anchorage on the 12th inst. to assume the duties of British Consul at that port.

THE band of the Spanish cruiser *Reina Cristina* will play at the Peak to-morrow, at 8 p.m., in the grounds of the Governor's residence; and on Friday it will play at Canseway Bay during the polo match, commencing at 5 p.m.

THE four-masted ship *Samaritan* grounded on the outer bar, near the Woosung Spit Bay, on the morning of the 9th inst., while attempting to cross. After discharging a portion of her cargo, the vessel was floated during the night of the 9th and berthed at Woosung.

THE big dock built at Foochow—or rather at Pagoda Anchorage—is announced to have been completed and ready for use on the 9th inst. Our Chinese contemporaries are jubilant, as the vessel of the Peiyang Squadron will now be quite independent of the docks at Hongkong and Shanghai.

ONE of the crew of a British steamer anchored in the port was discovered the other day, according to a Japanese contemporary, taking a sketch of the Moi Fort, and promptly arrested. It is stated that the steamer has been detained by the Japanese authorities in consequence of this contumacy.

IN the course of the *Taratar* case in the Supreme Court to-day there was a little scene between the Chief Justice and the Chief Blender, as to what questions were admissible and what not, which strikingly resembled another dispute between the Q.C. and the magistrate over a similar point in the Police Court recently. But there was a huge difference, to boot!

MESSRS. BANDINEL & CO. write from Newchwang on August 1st—Immediate prospects of our shipping are gloomy. Estimated stocks of beans in port and up country do not exceed 400,000 piculs. It is probably, therefore, that the beancake mills will have to stop work in about ten days and that supplies will be exhausted before the end of the month. Meantime prices are high. We quote, beancake per 10 pieces Tls. 5, bean oil per picul Tls. 4.20, beans per 3 piculs Tls. 2.5, shore cargo, and Tls. 4.06 river cargo. Reports of the growing crop continue good, and a plentiful harvest is anticipated. First arrivals of new beans may be looked for about 25th September. Arrivals of vessels to date number 187 steam and 13 sail against 185 steam and 19 sail last season. Ships in port—Whampoa, Apurao, Yoritomo Maru, Frogner, Peiching and Oscarshall.

At the Magistracy to-day Mr. Wodhouse held an inquest on the body of the man who was roasted to death in a burning house at Aberdeen on Sunday, as reported in these columns. It was found that the deceased had driven everybody out of the house and set the place on fire, and that death was caused by burns. It is not stated that the man was not mad at all, but had been very intimate with the woman of the house ("grass widow") and found himself in danger of falling a victim to a full-blown family feud; and in fact he was a rat in a corner, and died fighting.

BETWEEN two and three o'clock this morning a fire broke out on the first floor of the house No. 337 Queen's Road West. The place was let to a man and woman whose only furniture seems to have been a table, sofa and a few chairs, but who happened to be absent when the members of the Fire Brigade arrived on the scene. The conflagration was so promptly extinguished that the flames did not reach the upper floor, which was used for tea-drying purposes. The house was insured for \$4,500 in one of Messrs. E. Schellbach & Co.'s agencies, but the furniture on the floor where the fire originated was not covered by insurance.

REFERRING to the fire caused at Aberdeen on Sunday afternoon by a doltish Chinaman, a correspondent says that Linkou No. 120, who allowed himself to be chased out of the house by the maniac, ought to have used his carbine and thus prevented further trouble. We coincide in this opinion, and cannot but think that the police authorities are greatly to blame for the recent floods seem to be much greater than was at first supposed. 1,400 villages having been destroyed in the Metropolitan Prefecture of Shensi alone. The Governor of Shensi is stated to be helpless with the meagre funds in his hands, so that most likely an edict will be asked for commanding the famine lists to be reopened once more, although they were stopped, so far as Chihli and Shensi are concerned, only within the last month or so.

DISCOURSES of knowing how popular opinion runs in Hongkong regarding the great political question of the day, Irish Home Rule, a well-known enthusiast has arranged for a poll to be taken on Friday and Saturday next, very much on the lines, we believe, of the *Tory v. Radical* ballot of a year ago. Details have not reached us, but we shall no doubt be in a position to tell our readers to-morrow where they can record their votes. The opinions of a majority of Hongkong residents, or of the accumulated wisdom and experience of all Hongkong for that matter, cannot in the slightest degree affect the settlement of what is one of the most trying social and political problems any British Government has had to face for centuries past; but, *malgré* the vast preponderance of high-toned Conservative officials, "brutish" bogus money promoters, steady bank clerks and shoddy nondescripts who constitute the *instinct* abolitionists (or lack of a better name) as Hongkong Society, such opinion will at least be interesting as an indication of the progress of enlightened thought among the masses.

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THERE have been about 1,100 dog licences issued already, and we believe that in a day or two the police will begin active operations against all the dogs still unlicensed.

A MANILAMAN named Bengoia stabbed Manuel Antolo, a fellow-countryman, to death at Shanghai last Thursday. He was arrested the same evening and examined by the Spanish Consul the following day.

THE report of Dakin, Crookshank & Co., Ltd., is published in another part of this issue. It will afford interesting reading to those who have carefully noted the run of generally business in this colony for the past two or three years.

How they do it in Japan. For having caused the death of a prisoner whilst under his charge, a Kobe constable has been fined 100 yen; the inspector on duty at the time forfeits a month's pay, and the chief of the station was mulcted one-tenth of his monthly salary.

SAO YU-LEN, Governor of Formosa, in accordance with instructions from Peking, has paid to the families of the officers who died last winter fighting against the aborigines, sums ranging from Tls. 150 up to Tls. 1,000, according to the respective ranks of the deceased.

THE steamer *Kwangtung* arrived at Shanghai on the 9th inst. with the machinery which had been in one of the French Syndicate dredges recently taken over by the China Merchants' Co. The dredge was towed from Port Arthur to Chefoo and was to be brought to Shanghai by the steamer *Fungtung*.

WE greatly regret to learn that Capt. W. Ward, of the Pacific Mail Co.'s steamship *Persia*, was compelled to stay back in San Francisco this trip owing to illness. The *Persia* was brought over by Capt. D. E. File, for many years well and popularly known on the Company's San Francisco-Panama line.

THE enterprise Nippon Yulen Kaisha have started a line between Yokohama and Manila, via Kobe, Shimonesaki, Nagasaki, Foochow and Amoy. In this new departure the Company's steamship *Hogo Maru*, Capt. E. S. Barstow, was advertised to leave Yokohama for the above-named ports on the 11th inst. Advance Japan.

A RECENT proclamation issued by Tsang Tso-tai, Director-general of Railways in Formosa, announces that the tariff of fares and freightage on the Formosa railways will be doubled, taking effect from the 12th inst. This increase is necessitated by the heavy cost of construction and the expense of working the line and keeping everything in first-class order.

MR. G. C. FOULKE, an ex-officer in the United States Navy and lately employed as a professor in the Doshisha College, Kyoto, was found dead on the roadside near Miyazaki on the 9th inst. He had started on a pleasure trip up the hill, adjacent to the Fushya Hotel, with his wife and a gentleman friend, and would appear to have succumbed to exhaustion or heat prostration.

It is stated that the glass, works and copper mines at Ch'chow in Anhui, which were started a few years ago by a Cantonese named Yang Ming-hai, and were closed in 1891, by order of the Anhui Government, after sinking some 10,000,000 of shareholders' money in addition to a considerable amount of Government funds, will be re-opened in the near future under new management.

* * * *Cherches la femme*, in China as well as anywhere else. A Shan-tai-wan fisherman got into a quarrel with some Tai-kok-tai tinkers about a girl, and was nearly killed by a score of the chaps on the 1st inst. He was taken to the hospital in sections and put together again, and to-day he appeared in the police court to prosecute ten of his assailants. Some arrangement, however, had been made out of court, and the case was settled by the parties all finding \$10 security to keep the peace.

AT Shanghai on the night of the 9th inst. four stewards belonging to the Norddeutscher Lloyd mail steamer *Oldenburg* went on a drunk in Hongkong, got into a row with the *rickshas* coolies whose fares they refused to pay, and eventually one of them drew a knife and stabbed a coolie three times in the back. The wounded man was taken on board the *Oldenburg*, where his wounds were dressed. Luckily they were not of a dangerous character. The following day the police went on board the German mail steamer to arrest the man, but the Captain declined to hand him over without orders from the German Consul, and complained that the police had taken possession of his ship. The German Vice-consul, Mr. Eiswald, afterwards boarded the steamer, accompanied by the police and two of the *ricksha* coolies, and the man who actually used the knife was identified and will be tried in due course. But the question which arises—in view of the *Prussia* outrage of a few months ago being followed by this latest specimen of Teutonic ruffianism—is whether the time has not arrived when Hongkong, Shanghai and all other ports in the Far East should be quietly handed over to Germans to be governed by German methods!

AT a special Justice's meeting at the Magistracy yesterday, the "Criterion" licence, which has been in the hands of the registrar since the departure of the last holder, Fuchs, some three months ago, was transferred to William Young without opposition.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co. has lately issued instructions that American currency of all descriptions, including silver, be accepted at par over its entire system. Needless to say, "American currency" does not include the "Mexican peso."

THE *Victory* will be cleared for action to-night after 9 p.m.—not in Trafalgar Bay but at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, where a full house will enjoy the capital entertainment arranged in the grand old cause of Charity by Mr. South, R.N., and his energetic co-workers. We shall be there.

A SMALL fight occurred among some rival coolie boarding-house runners who scambled on the steamship *Peru* immediately on her arrival yesterday. The Ming Li Chay representative was somewhat damaged by Mr. Cheung Cho, who was consequently ordered by Mr. Wodehouse at the Magistracy to-day to pay \$10 compensation and find \$10 security for the three months, or go to gaol for six weeks.

THE Chinese steamship *Fuping*, which arrived here yesterday from Tientsin and Chefoo, appears to have experienced the same heavy weather that the *Choyang* reported in last night's *Telegraph*. The former vessel left Chefoo on the 10th inst., when a gale was encountered from south-east, which gradually increased in force, accompanied by a rapidly rising sea and a falling barometer, which registered 29.6. On the 11th the wind increased to hurricane force from the south-east, with heavy rain, so Captain Watts put back, and anchored off Naples Island until the next day, when the weather moderated and it was considered safe to proceed.

THE Sanitary Board will meet on Wednesday next, August 17th, at 4.15 p.m. Agenda.—1. Mortality returns for the weeks ended the 5th and 12th August, 1893. 2. Surveyor's report on condition of drains and water-closets at Nos. 148 and 150, Queen's Road Central, 3. Colonial Veterinary Surgeon's report for quarter ended 30th June, 1893. 4. Sanitary Superintendent's report for the half-year ended 30th June, 1893. 5. Letter from Director of Public Works forwarded a plan showing proposed house for the overseer in charge of cattle, pig and sheep depots and slaughter-houses. 6. Letter from Director of Public Works concerning receipt of lairs for cattle imported into the colony.

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RE-examined:—All the licences for emigration he had seen were to go to British colonies.

Frederick Breitling, captain of the *Taratar*, said his vessel arrived in Hongkong on the 15th July, from Saigon, with rice and passengers. After discharging cargo, the emigration officer called the attention of witness to some rice-bolters and planks, which he had not seen before. He afterwards saw the "booby-hatches" fitted up by the police. There were frames, and planks and bars, but the latter were not cut to fit anything—they were too long.

Mr. Francis:—Of course, the Attorney-General is beginning at the wrong end of the case!

The Attorney-General:—I think

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He found a great deal of material and gear, apparently for fitting up so as to accommodate colles. On Tuesday (15th) he made a detailed inspection, taking all day; cleared out the after-hold, and took an inventory of everything noticeable. (Full details given.)

Cross-examined:—Your information as to the *Telstar* being fitted up for colles, was that formal official information, or conversational?—It was reliable information that was given to me.

But was it official or accidental?—Was it in the course of ordinary casual conversation?—No, it was not ordinary conversation.

Was it told you as for the purpose of giving information to lead to proceedings?

His lordship:—The question may arise whether in any event the Government had reasonable cause for taking steps in the matter, and your question is one which the witness is privileged not to answer, if he wishes.

The Attorney-General pointed out that the information filed when the warrant was obtained would supply all that the parties could require.

His lordship quoted the Ordinance, to the effect that "if no reasonable cause of action appears in the proceedings, the judge shall have power to order the ship's release." He thought the information supplied to Government officers was privileged.

Mr. Francis:—Not unless the Secretary of State or some one in high authority declares it to be practically a State secret. (To the witness)—who gave the information to the Government on which the warrant was issued?

The witness said he did not feel bound to answer.

The Attorney-General said that surely the question could not be pressed.

Mr. Francis:—I think the Government must be very much ashamed of its action, and afraid of being incriminated, as I expect it will be.

His lordship:—Well, you cannot ask the witness who gave the information, but I think you can ask if he did it.

Mr. Francis:—He has said he did not.

His lordship:—Then how is he to know who did?

Mr. Francis:—He may have been present.

Witness:—No, I was not; I have heard who gave the information, but I have no knowledge except hearsay.

In course of further cross-examination, witness said it was hardly possible to believe that the *Telstar* was on a *bona fide* voyage to Singapore, with cargo for Singapore and nothing else; the manner in which the timber and other things were stowed proved plainly that cargo centers were to get to work in a few hours; otherwise, the ship would not have been safe at sea, stowed like that. He had not heard of cargo being shipped into a ship anyhow, to be properly stowed after getting to sea.

Shortly before 5 p.m. the case was adjourned until to morrow at 11 a.m.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. E. J. Ackroyd, *Puisne Judge*.)

GORDON VERSUS KWONG TUNG CHONG.

In this suit, which has been before the court for several days, and in which plaintiff claimed damages for defective contract work, his lordship found for the plaintiff, and after considering all the items in detail, awarded him \$768 and costs.

FIRE ON THE STEAMSHIP "NAMOA."

The Douglas Co.'s steamship *Namoa* arrived this morning from Foochow, Amoy, and Swatow, and Captain Harris reports as follows:

Yesterday (Tuesday, August 15th) about 5.40 a.m., the chief engineer, Mr. McIntosh, reported the appearance of smoke issuing from the shaft tunnel. Accordingly the tarpaulins were taken off the after hatch, and it was then found that there must be a fire rising in the after hold, as a dense volume of smoke at once shot up, as high as the masthead, and for a few minutes not a man could come near. As quickly as possible the hatch was battened down again, and the steam pipe supplying the after was disconnected and turned into the hold, in hope of smothering the fire. Of course, nobody knew at what moment the flames might burst out and envelop the whole vessel. Her position was then about 12 miles out from Swatow, which port was reached about seven o'clock. So dangerous was the state of affairs considered to be that, as a precaution, the stock of gunpowder carried among the ship's stores was hoisted up on deck, ready to be thrown into the sea at a moment's notice. If the flames should suddenly seize the whole ship, the Douglas should suddenly seize the whole ship. The *Namoa* managed, however, to reach her birth in Swatow without any of the fire showing itself, and after anchoring, an hour's work was sufficient to completely extinguish the last spark. It was then found that only a very small quantity of cargo had been damaged by fire, in fact, only two or three cases; but the smoke, and most of all, the water pumped in after reaching Swatow, had damaged a good deal more, though not really to a very serious extent, all things considered. The ship herself was not injured at all. It was found that the first rum, which originated inside the contents of a case of Chinese umbrellas shipped at Foochow, this box had been put in the fore part of the after hold, and had been practically subject to its action all the way down to Amoy, as there was nothing on top of it; and it was more burnt inside than out, which seems to indicate spontaneous combustion.

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D/RIN, CRICKSHANK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the second ordinary General meeting to be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on Monday, 21st August, 1893, at 3.30 p.m.—

The Director's Regt to submit to the shareholders a statement of accounts to December 31st 1892.

The amalgamation of Dakin Brothers of China, Limited, and Crickshank & Co., Limited, was practically carried into effect on July 1st, 1892, and the result of the working for the six months, after allowing for normal expenses and for bad and doubtful debts, is a net profit of \$2,566.27.

By the terms of the amalgamation, the two concerns were taken over from the dates of their last published balance sheet, viz., Dakin Brothers of China, Limited, from December 31st, 1890, and Crickshank & Co., Limited, from 28th February, 1892; all arrangements, however, could not be completed for the present Company to commence business until July 1st, 1892, as mentioned above. The accounts of the old Companies on that date show a debit as appears in the annexed statement.

The lease for the premises in Pedder Street, leased in February last and for the term in Queen's Road, expires at the end of the present month.

The present monthly expenses compared with those of the two concerns conducted separately show a reduction of about \$1,800 a month.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. Geo. Fenwick retires by rotation, but offers himself for re-election.

AUDITOR.

The accounts presented have been audited by Mr. Fullerton Henderson who offers himself for the current year.

W. H. RAY,
Chairman.

BALANCE SHEET TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1892.

Dr.

To Capital—50,000 shares of \$500 each	\$250,000
—Of which there have been issued 28,000 shares fully paid	140,250.00
Amount due to Bankers	26,585.27
Sundry Creditors	37,100.63
Bills Payable	6,287.54
	33,484.17
	\$200,310.40

Cr.

By Cash in hand	\$ 550.10
Stock in Trade	124,900.80
Sundry Debtors	54,615.00
Dakin Bros. of China, Limited, (in Liquidation) Cash & Furniture in London	1,161.48
Preliminary & liquidating expenses	2,744.32
Fire Insurance and Licences unexpired	164.70
Profit and loss account	
Amount at debit of Dakin Bros. of China, Limited, at date of amalgamation	\$7,707.00
Amount at debit of Crickshank & Co., at date of amalgamation	7,037.88
Loss by sale of launch	1,003.00
Bad debts written off	935.41
Rent of premises not occupied	2,975.70
	\$19,838.99
Less, net profit since date of amalgamation	3,666.04
	16,192.25
	\$200,310.44

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR SIX MONTHS TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1892.

Dr.

To Rents, Salaries, Wages, Interest and Sundry Trade Charges	21,782.19
Balance Profit to Balance Sheet	3,666.04
	\$25,544.23

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By Gross Profits	25,544.23
	\$25,544.23

JOHN D. HUTCHISON, Directors.

W. H. RAY, Manager.

I have examined the foregoing accounts with the Books of the Company and find the same to be correct.

F. HENDERSON, Auditor.

Hongkong, July, 12th 1893.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.

DOGS, GOATS, AND OTHER THINGS.

For the *Daily Telegraph*.

DEAR SIR:—We as residents of a British Colony and living at Pedder's Hill would be glad if you would inform us through your column, who is the owner of the numerous mangy and evil smelling dogs that congregate around the entrance to Pedder's Hill and block the way. These brutes are a nuisance to any one coming in and should one of our friends or a stranger accidentally fall over, trip, or otherwise disturb the peace of mind of one of the aforementioned curs, would there not be a terrible risk of hydrocephalus? I think that you as one of the leading papers of the Colony should call the attention of the Inspector of Nuisances to these mangy curs and the poor ill-fated looking beasts put out of a miserable existence.

There is also another matter that we should like to call your attention to, and that is a brown goat that is always roaming round the vicinity of Pedder's Hill. That the attention of the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals should be called to the sad case of this poor goat is perfectly evident. This goat is of the female species and the poor thing appears never to get milked and its udders look ready to burst, impeding its movements and appearing to give it excessive pain and annoyance. Appologizing for taking up so much of your valuable space we enclose our card and thank you in anticipation for the insertion of this letter.

We are,

"HUMANITARIANS."

Hongkong, 12th August, 1893.

The above "application" was accompanied by the visiting cards of four persons who, as they clearly state, are "residents of a British Colony and living at Pedder's Hill." We shall reiterate in all its nakedness, and in every respect the proclivity is worthy of the kind-hearted "Humanitarians" with the information they seek: the "numerous mangy and evil-smelling dogs that congregate around the entrance to Pedder's Hill and block the way." These brutes are a nuisance to any one coming in and should one of our friends or a stranger accidentally fall over, trip, or otherwise disturb the peace of mind of one of the aforementioned curs, would there not be a terrible risk of hydrocephalus? I think that you as one of the leading papers of the Colony should call the attention of the Inspector of Nuisances to these mangy curs and the poor ill-fated looking beasts put out of a miserable existence.

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But people are often considered as good as dead for a much more intelligible reason. Mr. William Goble, of 104, Albion Street, Southwick, near Brighton, was recently placed on that list by his friends. In his case the danger was not from powder or sharp steel, but from something that hurries more folks out of the world than they do. His story is this: Looking at his tongue, one day in the spring of 1887, he found it coated like a piece of brown leather. Of itself this might not have worried him, but other signs and portents went with it. His appetite failed, and what little he did eat seemed to cause great pain in his chest and sides. Now, good food never fails that way when a man is in proper condition. Quite the contrary. What was the matter?

Writing about it under date of Nov. 28th, 1891, Mr. Goble said: "I couldn't imagine what had come over me. Nothing like it had ever happened to me before. It was always been strong and healthy. But now I had a foul taste in the mouth, and wind appeared to roll all over inside my body. I had a choking sensation in my throat, and sometimes my heart would beat so fast and so hard that it frightened me. After a while I got so weak I had to give up my work. I was almost too weak to walk, and when out walking I would get short of breath. Gradually I became weaker and weaker, and lost all my flesh. I could just crawl about, and that was all. My cheeks were sunken, and had such a pale, gaunt look that my friends said I was in a decline and would never be better.

"A doctor in Southwick said I was suffering from dyspepsia, but after he had treated me for six months I was worse than ever. At this time, our old servant, Rev. Mr. Heywood, recommended me to the Brighton Hospital, where I was under treatment for one year. Several of the doctors sounded my lungs and seemed pleased by my complaints, and recommended my medicines so often that I wondered if they would ever find the right remedy. At the end of the year I stopped going to the hospital, and began to take cod liver oil, but it did no good, and I made up my mind that I was indeed doomed to death and nothing could prevent it.

"Still I was alive and well to-day, and I'll tell you why in few words. In April, 1889, I met with a friend of mine, Mr. Groves, in Southwick, who told me of his own illness, and of the great benefit he had received from Mother Seig's Oatmeal Syrup. I got a bottle, and by the time I had finished it my food agreed with me and I felt a little stronger. Four more bottles completed the cure, and I have since enjoyed as good health as I ever did in my life. I am a gardener, and have been in the employ of General Turnbull, the Turnite, Southwick, for ten years. I will gladly answer inquiries." (Signed) William Goble.

The Southwick doctor's diagnosis was right: Mr. Goble's disease was indigestion and dyspepsia, some of the symptoms of which he names in his statement. His plain testimony will serve to strengthen, if necessary, the popular confidence in Mother Seig's Syrup as a cure for this prevailing and perplexing malady. The Southwick doctor lost two years' time by not knowing what to do. But he is vastly better than a dead man now, and will, we trust, live long to give others the benefit of his knowledge. —Add.

CO-DAY'S Advertisement.

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW,
THE Company's Steamship

"NAMOA"

Captain Harris, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
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Hongkong, 16th August, 1893.

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CAPTAIN CH. ROBINSON,
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Attention is called to the following advantages to Ships' Owners and Captains, who coal their bunkers direct from the Undersigned:—

FRESHNESS of the coal.

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Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.

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Hongkong, 24th June, 1893.

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